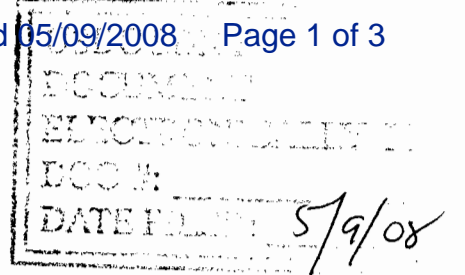


UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK



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STERLING NATIONAL BANK,

Plaintiff,

-v.-

HI-TECH MARKETING et al.,

Defendants.  
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ORDER FOR CONFERENCE  
PURSUANT TO RULE 16

07 Civ. 8809 (GEL) (GWG)

GABRIEL W. GORENSTEIN  
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

An initial conference is scheduled for this case on May 23, 2008 at 11:15 a.m., in Courtroom 17-A, United States Courthouse, 500 Pearl Street, New York, New York. All parties must appear at this conference and should arrive prior to the scheduled time so that the conference may begin promptly.

Upon receipt of this order, each party is directed to confer with all other parties on the case to be sure that all parties, or their attorneys, have received a copy of this order. This conference is being held pursuant to Rule 16 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. The parties should also be aware of their requirements to make certain disclosures to the other side as set forth in Rule 26(a)(1).

At the conference, the parties must be prepared to discuss the following subjects:

1. the issues in the case;
2. the deadline by which the parties may move to amend the pleadings or join any other parties;
3. the names of witnesses to be deposed and a schedule of planned depositions;

4. a schedule for the production of documents;
5. dates by which the disclosures of the identities and reports of experts, if any, required by Rule 26(a)(2) will be made, and the date by which depositions of such experts shall be completed;
6. the date by which all discovery must be completed;
7. the date by which pretrial motions, if any, will be filed;
8. the date by which plaintiff(s) will supply pretrial order materials to defendant(s); and
9. the date by which the parties will submit a joint pretrial order in accordance with procedures of the judge before whom the trial will be conducted;
10. any limitations to be placed on discovery, including any protective or confidentiality orders;
11. those discovery issues, if any, as to which counsel, after a good faith effort, have been unable to reach an agreement; and
12. whether, and by whom, a jury has been requested.

If a party wants to change the date of this conference, he or she must make the request by letter to the undersigned within one week of this notice (unless an emergency requires otherwise). Prior to sending the request for a change in date, the party making the request must contact the Deputy Clerk ((212) 805-4260) to determine an alternative date for which the Court is available for a rescheduled conference. The party must then write a letter to the Court that includes (1) a statement as to all other parties' positions on the proposed change in date and (2) a proposal for an alternative date for the conference (as provided by the Deputy Clerk) for which all parties are available.

Copies of all letters to the Court must be sent to the other side. For the parties' information, the Court's Individual Rules are posted at:

<http://www.nysd.uscourts.gov/judges.htm>. Also, the Pro Se Office at the United States

Courthouse, 500 Pearl Street, Room 230, New York, New York ((212) 805-0175) may be of assistance to pro se litigants in connection with court procedures.

Dated: New York, New York  
May 9, 2008

SO ORDERED:

  
GABRIEL W. GORENSTEIN  
United States Magistrate Judge

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